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Mr. Sager Announces Honor Roll For First School Term

Nineteen hundred and forty-four has come and gone, and with its departure we at Montgomery Bell have entered into a new term. Three months of the school year have passed and we now begin the second semester.

We have here compiled the names of those who comprise the honor roll for the first term. These grades represent an average of all three months together. In order for a person's name to appear on the roll he must make an average of at least eighty-five in all classes together.

We plan in each future issue to print the honor roll for that month as a regular feature. The honor roll for the first term, with the averages, is as follows:

High School Honor Roll

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| Joe Martin | 94.8 |
| Jno. Grisco | 94.6 |
| Nelson Andrews | 94.5 |
| Russell Campbell | 94.4 |
| Bernard Werthan | 94.0 |
| Billy Edwards | 93.4 |
| Bill Wade | 93.2 |
| Yaden Lackey | 92.5 |
| Chas. Robinson | 92.0 |
| Ernest Matthews | 91.5 |
| Bob Ezell | 91.0 |
| Bob Lowe | 90.0 |
| Ted Dillon | 90.5 |
| Gene Harris | 89.6 |
| Bob Doster | 89.5 |
| Thomas Kennedy | 89.3 |
| Robert Brown | 89.0 |
| Richard Fletcher | 88.8 |
| Jno. Ambrose | 88.5 |
| Jas. Curry | 88.3 |
| Thomas McEwen | 88.0 |
| Jno. Culley | 87.8 |
| Harvey Cantrell | 87.0 |
| Harry Corson | 86.6 |
| Billy Howard | 86.5 |
| Joe Card | 86.5 |
| Billy Womack | 86.2 |
| Billy Ferguson | 86.0 |
| Bobby Waller | 85.7 |
| Bob Whitsett | 85.7 |
| Fred Wiggs | 85.5 |
| Hugh Bryan | 85.3 |
| Ed Nelson | 85.2 |
| Joe Kirkpatrick | 85.0 |

Grade School Honor Roll

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|------------------|------|
| Don Wade | 95.7 |
| Jay Ward | 92.6 |
| Mack Dixon | 92.4 |
| Lem Stevens | 92.1 |
| Don Adams | 91.7 |
| Franklin Jarman | 90.3 |
| Buford Dickerson | 90.0 |
| Inman Fox | 90.0 |
| Henry Hooker | 89.4 |
| John Warner | 89.3 |
| Henry Fitts | 89.1 |
| Houston Horn | 89.1 |
| David Rouston | 89.1 |
| Morris Hackney | 87.8 |
| Alden Smith | 87.8 |
| Jimmy Bradford | 87.7 |
| Gill Dudley | 87.6 |
| Bill King | 87.4 |
| Bill Blackie | 87.3 |
| Jno. Pogue | 86.7 |
| Ross Evans | 86.0 |
| Arnold Rose | 85.7 |
| Rascoe Davis | 85.6 |
| Dickie Miller | 85.3 |
| Jack Carpenter | 85.1 |
| Fred Feldman | 85.1 |
| Bobby Hackman | 85.1 |

Alfred Adams Has January Graduation

Breaking a precedent established for years, Alfred Adams graduated this January from Montgomery Bell. Needing only a credit in solid geometry to graduate, he attended the first term, and since the solid geometry exam is given in the middle of the second term, he worked ahead of the class. He took the examination before the Christmas holidays and passed with a ninety-six.

Alfred received his diploma with a very informal ceremony. He is now a freshman attending Vanderbilt University.

Annual Planned For Students At M.B.A.

Last year M.B.A. had an annual for the first time in recent years. It was small but it was a good beginning. The staff hope to make this year's annual larger and better. It will have around one hundred pages and will be bound in a regular annual cover.

The staff intends to include many of the interesting features of last year, including the last will and testament of the senior class, and pictures of many of our athletic events. They hope also to add a sponsor section and to have individual pictures of everybody in school.

The annual will not cost over \$4.50 and the staff hopes to reduce this cost if possible.

The staff is composed of Gene Harris, Russel McCowin, Herbert Fox, Bill Hibbet and Bob Lowe. The faculty adviser is Mr. Sager.

School Gets Painted Over Xmas Holidays

During the Christmas holidays the school got a complete new coat of paint despite wartime shortages. This paint job really makes the school look brighter and cleaner. Before the painting was done the walls had big cracks and dirty scuff marks on them. All the rooms except the office and the library were painted white with a strip of light gray paint from the floor to about four feet up the wall to prevent dirty scuff marks from showing. The office was painted a light green, and the library a light blue which blended nicely with the other coloring in the room.

Mr. Sager has asked us to please try and keep the school looking nice and I feel sure that all of the boys will do their best.

Mr. Brownlee Currey, Chairman of Board of Trustees At M.B.A. Instrumental in Schools Success and Future

All of us have watched the progress of the improvements around the school with much interest. And all of us have commented at one time or another how much the school needed new brick walks, a repainting of the entire building, or the adjustment of the heating system. Most of us are not aware of the fact that credit for the good work around the campus is due almost entirely to Mr. Brownlee Currey, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a loyal alumnus of M. B. A.

A graduate of Vanderbilt University, and one of the most successful businessmen in Nashville, Mr. Currey has always been interested in M. B. A., and for many years, and in many different ways, he has been invaluable to the school.

Born in Nashville, young Brownlee attended Hume-Fogg High School, and also M. B. A., graduating from the latter. His athletic career was curtailed at the age of seventeen by a broken cartilage in his leg. This was a very ironic accident, because he had fair to be a topflight college athlete. He had played varsity quarterback on the football team, although he weighed but 140 pounds. A top track man on the dashes, he ran 100 yards in about ten seconds. Also, he played on the varsity baseball and basketball teams.

At Vanderbilt University he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and to pick up experience for the future he worked for nothing at a part-time job at the 4th and 1st National Bank.

After his graduation from Vanderbilt in 1923, he went to work at a full-time job at the 4th and 1st National Bank. Soon he was promoted to manager of the West End branch of that bank, and soon after that promotion he received another—this time to the capacity of manager of the securities department of the main bank.

In 1931, Mr. Currey formed the Equitable Securities Company, of which he is the president. In addition to his capacity with the securities company, he is also publisher of the Southern Agriculturist newspaper, which position he assumed in 1943. Also, Mr.

Officers Elected For Senior Class

At a recent meeting of the senior class, presided over by Mr. Sager, officers for this year were elected. They were: President, Pete Robinson; vice-president, Al Whitson, and secretary-treasurer, Nelson Andrews. Although he was in New Orleans at the time, Nelson was elected by proxy.

The senior officers are the same as the junior class officers of last year, with the exception of secretary-treasurer. This post was held by Alfred Adams, who is no longer with us, having graduated in January.

After the election there was a discussion of senior privileges. These privileges have been much discussed around the campus and are in general approval. Suggested were those of non-attendance to study halls, of leaving the campus for lunch, and if a senior has either first or last period he would not be required to be at school.

Also discussed was the new type of diploma to be installed at graduation.

Plans For New Type Diploma Considered

This year at graduation there will be installed a new type of diploma. Instead of the old style rolled diploma it shall be contained in a small cover and shall be about the size of an ordinary book.

The leather cover shall be of maroon color and will have Montgomery Bell Academy stamped in gold across the middle. The diploma inside will be easily removable and shall be in the regulation style. The new diplomas, suggested by Mr. Sager, have several advantages, namely that instead of being cumbersome, they are very handy and serviceable, they can be hung upon the wall or set upon a desk, and will require no large picture frame. They are very pretty and shall prove to be very serviceable.

MBA Plans To Enter Spring Baseball Team In City League

The Roving Reporter

What is your opinion of school spirit in general?

"The spirit of the school has improved but it is still far below that of other schools, and it is not up to the standards that should be prevalent at M. B. A."—JACK WHITEAKER.

"In my four years at M. B. A., the school spirit has never been so low as it is now."—BUDDY HEWITT.

"The spirit of the boys who attend the games is fine, but not enough come."—BILLY FERGUSON.

"It seems to me that all the spirit in the school lies in about 30 boys. Both students and faculty could well learn a lesson from these boys."—ANDY ANDREWS.

The spirit of the school this year is far below our spirit of last year. A better school spirit would make for better athletic desire."—PETE ROBINSON.

The boys who have presented their opinions on school spirit represent M. B. A. in the basketball games. Their statements show a definite lack of spirit of the boys at M. B. A. When a pep meeting is called during school, the building is practically filled. Why is this not so at the games? Most of the visiting teams usually have a larger turnout than does M. B. A. Just as Ferguson pointed out, the spirit of the boys who come is fine, but not enough of the boys come to cheer the team on. Some of the boys complain that the games are on week-end nights. If they have dates, why not bring them? It is no disgrace. The price is not too high, and the money obtained is used on school equipment. The boys on the team need your support. At the next home game, turn out and give the team the support it needs.

For the first time in thirteen years an M. B. A. baseball team will take to the field this spring. With the announcement of the proposed formation of the new Inter-scholastic Baseball League, Coach Howard Allen readily replied that he was very much in favor of it. He said that he thought it was the best athletic program for spring.

Sixteen schools have expressed their interest in it and six will definitely have baseball. Duncan is the only local school that has never discontinued our "national pastime" sport.

Although the plans of formation are in the early stages, it shapes up that each team may play at least two games a week. At the end of the season the winner will play a choiced group of all-stars.

Here at Montgomery Bell we will have to buy new equipment. The school will provide for everything but shoes and gloves, which the players themselves will have to furnish. A diamond is to be made on one side of the football field (probably the eastern side). Coach Allen estimates that the equipment will cost at least \$200.

Three boys will go out for the team who have had previous experience. These boys are Buddy Hewitt, Jack Whiteaker, and Nelson Andrews. There are many more who will play that have had a little experience.

When the plans are complete, the Bell Ringer will carry M. B. A.'s schedule.

Holiday Commences School Activities

When school reopened January second it was with a pleasant surprise for all, teachers included. Everyone had assembled in chapel, ready to begin the usual routine of classes. Mr. Sager, as is his usual custom, had ascended the stage.

But instead of the usual worship program, he proceeded to announce that, because of the extremely cold weather, there would be no school that day. Following the announcement were cheers and applause lasting several minutes. The reason for the dismissal was that the weather was extremely cold, with the temperature hovering around ten degrees above zero. During the holidays little or no heat was kept in the building and as a result, they had not had time to heat sufficiently to conduct classes.

After the adjournment of chapel each student made a round of his classes to obtain his assignments, for classes were to be held as usual the next day.

Since then, as each student has assembled for chapel it has been with the secret hope that he might get another holiday, but as yet no such luck has occurred.

Auxiliary Sponsors White Elephant Sale

The M.B.A. Ladies' Auxiliary will sponsor a 'White Elephant Sale' at the home of Mrs. Charles Nelson, Monday afternoon, March 19th. There has been an urgent request by the auxiliary for all the students to bring any novelties in good condition that aren't being used so that they may be put on the block for the sale.

How about it? Go home today and ask mother where there are any articles that you might bring for the sale. Let's get behind this all thing and help our mothers put this sale over. So let's start the ball rolling and bring all the records, toy novelties, and what not.

Demonstration of Hypnotism Given

One day week before last the members of the fifth period geometry class were introduced to the gentle art of hypnotism through the efforts of the teacher, Mr. Rule. After the day's recitation had ended he proceeded to show exactly how it is done.

He asked for someone to volunteer which Gene Harris immediately did. While Gene left the room the rest pondered what to command him to do. Having finally decided to have him go to the board and write, everyone was told to concentrate.

Gene reentered the room and seated himself in a chair with Mr. Rule at his back, stroking his temples. This continued for about five minutes when suddenly Gene's eyes closed and his head dropped. Thereupon, just as suddenly, he rose from the chair, went to the board, and proceeded to write M.B.A.

When he had finished Professor Rule clapped his hands, slapped him on the back, and told him to wake up. Gene was amazed at what he had done and professed to know nothing of what had happened.

Mr. Rule assured everyone that anyone could do the feat. How did he do it? Ask Mr. Rule.

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Editorial

ON THE IDEA OF AN HONOR SYSTEM

Mr. Sager has introduced to the student body an idea that, in my mind, is in a position to greatly benefit the students and the school if carried out properly. This idea is that an honor system be established at M. B. A.

First let me state what I believe an honor system to be and how it should be run.

Every student in the school would sign an agreement that he would be on his honor not to lie, cheat, nor steal while upon the school grounds or while engaged in any activity connected with the school. Also the student would be on his honor to report any such instances to the Student Council. This governing body would hear the case and decide upon a proper punishment. If the person under consideration objects to the decision of the Student Council, he should be allowed to appeal to the student body or to the headmaster.

There are several points about the honor system that should be taken into consideration. In a criminal court, a person cannot be tried for a crime unless the person to whom he had done wrong so desires. If a boy is reported cheating, the first act of the Student Council would be to notify the teacher in whose class the cheating was done. This teacher would then consult with the boy and decide whether or not the matter should be brought before the Student Council. The boy, however, should have the right to take his case to the Council in any circumstance.

A similar method should be used in the case of stealing. Many boys have commented that often they have borrowed a book or piece of paper without the owner's permission, but that such a thing should certainly not justify punishment if they knew that the owner would not mind. The case of "pre-ferring charges" should be used here again. When a case of stealing is reported to the Student Council, this assembly would immediately find out if the person stolen from wanted to bring punishment against the stealer. If he did not, the case would be dropped. This plan should eliminate all controversy over whether or not a person has actually stolen or is merely borrowing.

Then general objection to the honor system seems to be in the fact that many students consider it wrong to "tell on" another boy. This attitude, when you consider the facts of the matter, is very impractical. In the first place, I feel sure that every boy in the school realizes that stealing is wrong and would not hesitate to take action against a thief. The question of telling on a person who has cheated is the problem. Here again I don't believe that there is a boy in the school who does not know and readily admit that a cheater is hurting no one but himself. I don't believe, either, that any of the boys want to cheat or be known as a cheater. Cheating is the inability of a person to resist temptation. The best possible way to help such a person is to let him know that he will be punished if he cheats. If the temptation is still too strong you can further help the boy by bringing about a remedy that will cure him. Any boy who gets mad at or considers it "dirty" of anyone who reports his cheating is not the kind of boy we of the student body want at M. B. A. However, if a boy knows that when he cheats he hurts only himself, he certainly should not be mad at anyone who helps him stop cheating.

In the realization that cheating is often a matter of will power and is sometimes almost a disease, the Student Council should act accordingly when bringing about a punishment for this offense.

If you of the student body have any objections, opinions, or comment on the instituting of an honor system, we would like to hear them. This idea is certainly worth a lot of consideration and it is essential that we put much thought to the issue, for, as I have said, this system can be one of the most important things that has ever happened at Montgomery Bell Academy.



Class News

Grade Department

Microbe basketball got under way this week. At the first game, January 19, Chicky's team beat Miller's team 13 to 9, and Adams' team beat Cargyle's team 15 to 9. On January 23 Paterson's team beat Miller's team 18 to 8, and Chicky's team beat Adams' team 14 to 3.

What would happen if one of Charles Spock's inventions would work? Jimmy Patterson got to eat all of his lunch.

Jay Ward's hair wasn't just so. The first forms didn't get their arithmetic during lunch. Inman Fox didn't get banged up in a basketball game.

Ken Hardcastle wrote so you could read.

Freshman Class

Jimmy Hester wants to know who posed for Chester Gould when he created Gravel Gerie. "Honest" Dan and "Stinky" Turner have been going around with a new girl. They claim she isn't just stiff-neck but a real rootin', high falootin' society girl. Kirk said her name was "Flirtie Gerie from Bizertie." Don't let Stinky read this.

Ed Nelson had an offer from that great horse tycoon, Bluejean Harris, to appear in his show as the only one half galloped horse in the world. Which just goes to show how nearsighted Bluejean is. Everybody knows Ed's not a horse. That's nonsense! Everybody knows he is a "Sprunkus." Designed and built by Kirk Rankin Enterprises, Ltd.

Hibbet and Hester are neck and neck in the race for low score in spelling. Hester has an average of 15 and Hibbet improved just a little is 17.

Murdoch and Wade are still battling beans in the shoestring contest.

Kirk is now known as "hatrack" Rankin" since his girl hung a couple on him.

Sophomore Class

Joe Kirkpatrick sure did have a good time in Ripley, Tenn., over the holidays, I hear.

Heath Crowell has got another good excuse for not having his English. Quote. "Guess I ain't got no book."

To those sophomores to whom it may concern: Mr. Sager is tiring of taking paper out of the piano. Better think up something else, fellows.

Roy (Silas Marner) Bearden thinks it illegal and unjust for him to have to read his Literature and Life book.

Ken Gooch-pasture brought a meat sandwich to school for his lunch. The hens must not be laying. Aren't you feeding them, Ken?

Kirk (Torso) Turner and Neil (Nick Gulas) Lanius have been swiping Sam Walker and Frank Smith's motor bikes.

Junior Class

The Christmas holidays must have done something to Jack Whiteaker. Ever since the first day everybody came back to school, he has tried to do more talking than Mrs. Bitzer in English class. Somebody ought to tell him that he is trying to do something impossible.

If there is anyone who hasn't heard Joe Washington play the piano, you can usually hear him play for about five minutes right after school up in study hall. You had better get up to study hall fast, too, because as soon as his five minutes are up, he quits, even if he is right in the middle of his favorite song.

"Flash" McCown has been trying to get some more "Brown." He has just finished building a basketball scoreboard in the gym. All joking aside, "Flash," you really did a good job.

Flash! Bill Ottensville has just added another axiom to the ten axioms in plane geometry. He thought for days, and finally it came to him—"equal" are equal.

Mr. Hackman certainly does have power over Herbert Fox. In chemistry class the other day Mr. Hackman said that anybody that peroxide their hair is silly. That very afternoon Herbert went down to the barber shop and got all of his peroxidized hair cut off.

Senior Class

Clay (the Kremel Kid) Bailey has arrived back at school after surviving a severe case of mumps. He still looks the same, Gypsy.

Bob "Chesty" Whisitt has taken over the job of the muscle man of the school. He may be seen with his sweater sleeves rolled up displaying his beautiful muscles.

Brownlee Currey and Tom Proctor enjoy chatting together greatly. Their topic seems to regard "nice-looking" fellow who shot down nine airplanes in 23 minutes.

Travis Smith is still missing from school, but the weather has not been very favorable, so that may be Travis' excuse.

Bob Doster seems to be getting kind of "squeaky" lately. Someone should start calling Sonny Baker "Red."

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Hoots from the Owl's Nest

When January 2 rolled around, there certainly was a shot-looking bunch of ducks walking around M. B. A., half asleep and with huge bags under their eyes. Everybody found enough energy to give out with shouts of rejoicement, though, when Mr. Sager announced, out of the goodness of his heart, that there would be no school that day. Christmas certainly was fun, with the floods of parties and dances, but thank Goodness it only comes once a year.

"Parenthesis-legs" Martin talks of nothing but his "wife." It seems that he is just right hopeless, though; nobody has seen a wedding ring on the Kappa president's finger yet.

The sudden interest started about two months ago in equine anatomy has died down. Maybe Mr. Byrnes' ban on horse-racing had something to do with it.

Brownlee Curry has become addicted to "Toddies" lately, and one Toddy in particular. Do you all think he can "hold 'er"?

Much to the chagrin of all the girls, Frank Sinatra has been replaced by Lawrence Tibbet on the "Hit Parade." It seems to me that if he were a Metropolitan Grand Opera star now, maybe next year we will hear Joe Talbot "crooning" hillbilly ballads on the "Hit Parade."

The Old Owl doesn't understand why Royal McCullough's hair doesn't fall out—judging by the amount of time he spends combing it. If one strand fell out each time he combed his hair, he would be entirely bald in four and nine-tenths days.

David Smith has a new (?) car. New to him, but really an ancient four-door model "A" Ford. This being a sedan, and the other a coupe, it seems that he can pile twice as many people in, on, and outside of this chariot as he could the other—50 inside of 25. We wonder what happened to the other little car. I suppose he drove it to death.

"Flash" McCown, in addition to photography, shooting bull, and "browning" up to the teachers, has taken up the manufacture of electric scoreboards. "Flash" did make it, and it is greatly appreciated by the spectators of the basketball games.

"Alchemist" Hackman certainly can stink up the science building with some awful smells. He must pick up new formulas for stink-bombs every time he works out at the Victor Chemical Company.

It sure is nice to see Corky Corbitt and Billy Fields around school sometimes. From all reports they both have had a fine record at the University of Alabama.

And I Quote:

Jimmy: "Give me an example of period furniture."

Johnny: "How about an electric chair; it always ends a sentence."

—Hill Topics.

"I'm a dairy maid in a candy factory."

"What do you do?"

"Milk chocolates."

—Babbler, David Lipscomb.

Mother, I'm not hungry. I just ate all the raisins off the flypaper.

—Boys' High Tattler.

Draftee: "Will you be faithful to me?"

Blonde: "Well, I've promised the same thing to five other soldiers, so I guess I can make it six."

COMPLIMENTS OF

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"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

by Ernest Matthews

With basketball season just past the halfway mark, a glance at the records shows that M. B. A. sports 7 victories against 2 losses. Thus far the Maroons have defeated Howard, Hume-Fogg, Hillsboro, East, Ryan and Central and Lipscomb, losing the preholiday opener to Peabody and to West High.

The whole team is doing a swell job and are right in there in the thick of the fight for the Inter-scholastic League title. Tall Charley Robinson and little Billy Ferguson have supplied most of the offensive thrills with Nelson Andrews, Buddy Hewitt, and Jack Whiteaker all chipping in to do their bit. The Maroons have tallied 276 points as to 214 for their opponents. Hardy Lavender, the "sixth" regular, is really a good ball player. He's fast, a good passer, and a grand ball haw.

Pretty soon a large number of the M. B. A. boys will be engaged in intra-mural basketball games. About ninety high school and fifty grade school boys have expressed their desires to cooperate in this movement. The grade school participants will be divided into eight or ten teams and will hold their games during the regular gym periods. The high school boys will be divided into eight groups with about eleven men on a team. Their games will be played after school.

The schedule will pit a junior or senior against a freshman or a sophomore. The juniors and seniors will have a league of their own, as will the sophomores and freshmen.

At the end of the season a prize will be awarded to the best team in each division.

The new scoreboard which I mentioned in last month's issue has now been installed and is working very successfully. It is operated by an engineer in the booth on the balcony.

Alf Adams, crack guard on the '44 grid team has graduated and enrolled in the engineering school at Vanderbilt University.

Corky Corbit, captain and full-back on last year's football team and captain and forward on the cage team, is bound for a visit. He has been attending Alabama, where he is manager of the team. Corky underwent a knee operation and was unable to play football this year, but he is expected to be a big help on the 'Bama team of next year.

Also home from Alabama is Billy Fields, All-State end on last year's football squad and one of the top basketball forwards of the city. "Sucky" has undergone an operation but is recovering nicely. Fields has been playing end for the Crimson Tide and saw a great deal of service.

Greer "Greasy" Frierson is home on furlough. He is stationed at Memphis in Uncle Sam's Naval Air Crewman program. "Greasy" played wingback on the '43-'44 combine, and starred at one of the guard positions in basketball.

The crowds have been turning out for the basketball games this year. The Howard, Hillsboro, and Ryan tilts have attracted the largest gatherings.

An M. B. A. student was asked to attend a girls' basketball game with a friend.

"Oh, I don't know," said the boy. "Will it be very interesting?" "Sure," returned his friend, "it'll be very interesting. There will be 24 beautiful legs running around out there."

Where are our cheerleaders?

Although the crowds for our gym have been good, they could have been much better; that is, if the seating capacity was greater. The gym now will seat only about three hundred, and many more would attend the games if they had a chance to get a seat.

SPORTS

THE BELL RINGER

M. B. A. Basketball Quint Drops Three Games While Ripping Through First Half of Current Interscholastic League Season

Having only a few days of practice, the M. B. A. quintet dropped their first basketball set to the Peabody Tigers 38-35. The game was nip and tuck until the third period, when the Maroon boys surged ahead to lead, 34-28. The other period scores were 9-9 and 22-21 in favor of M. B. A.

Pete Robinson, lanky center and mainstay on the Maroon "five," fouled out in the third quarter and from then on it was Peabody all the way.

The Peabody lads dropped in 10 points in the final canto to take the game.

Joe Naron with 16 points led the scoring, while Robinson was tops for M. B. A.

M. B. A. (35) Peabody (38)

Ferguson.....G.....Tankley
Hewitt.....G.....Naron
Robinson.....F.....Kelley
Whiteaker.....F.....Nicholson
Andrews.....F.....Marks

Subs—M. B. A.: Lavender, Taltob.

Smarting from their pre-Christmas upset at the hands of the Peabody "Dem" School, those Maroons bounced into the win column with a 27-22 victory over Howard High School, recovering in the last two periods from an early Rebel lead, the Harding Road lads owned a 20-18 lead at the end of the third canto.

Charley Robinson led the scoring with 11 points, while Jimmy Payne of Howard was next with 10.

Hardy Lavender, who replaced Nelson Andrews, who was in New Orleans for the New Year's Day Sugar Bowl game, was very impressive, as was Jack Whiteaker, the other forward. Lavender scored 4 points and Whiteaker 6.

The Rebels led 8-4 and 12-10 at the end of the first and second periods, but M. B. A. rallied to take the game and their first win of the 1945 basketball season.

Pos.—MBA (27) Howard (22)
F—Hewitt (4).....Tomlin (2)
F—Whiteaker (6).....Sherill (5)
C—Robinson (11).....Tankersley (4)
G—Ferguson (2).....Payne (10)
G—Lavender (4).....Boaz (1)
Subs—MBA: Lackey, Howard; Ray, Sykes.

After losing their first game to Peabody and defeating Howard, M. B. A. began to show their ability as a real ball club when they played Hume-Fogg Tech on the Maroon floor.

In the early minutes of the first quarter the Big Red went ahead 6 to 0, and at the end of that quarter, M. B. A. led 10 to 1. In the second quarter, Hume-Fogg scored the most points, to cut the Maroon lead to 17 to 11 at the half.

The last two quarters were all M. B. A., and Hume-Fogg seemed to be in a "Human Fog." M. B. A. really started racking up the score, with Billy Ferguson and Pete Robinson leading the attack with thirteen points each during the entire game to make the final score 36 to 16.

Coach Howard Allen's M. B. A. case team rang up their third straight win of the season as they downed the fighting Burro quintet of Hillsboro High 34-18. The "long and short" combination in the persons of Charley Robinson and Billy Ferguson accounted for 27 of M. B. A.'s points. The lanky center hit for 15, while "Perry" netted 12 points.

Hillsboro held an 8-7 lead at the end of the first period, but the Maroons fought back to hold a 2-point margin, 14-12, at the halfway mark. As Billy and Robinson got the range, M. B. A. increased their lead to 23-15 at the end of the third canto.

Robinson was not only outstanding on offense but was excellent on defense. He held Hillsboro's Charley Embury to 5 points by close guarding and by blocking many attempted shots.

The whole team was really on their toes as they held the Burro offense well in check. Albert Johnson with 6 points was high man for the losing aggregation.

West B's Stop Fess Hackman's Cooties

The Cooties were beaten 20 to 11 by the West B team last Friday night on the latter's own hardwood. The first half of the tilt contained little excitement with both teams winning four tosses and the Reds scoring two points with a neat crip from Bob Ezell while the Blues chalked up eight.

Following the intermission the Red quintet came roaring on the floor to gain nine points in the second stanza through fine teamwork and the good shooting of Murdoch, Martin, and Ezell but despite this comeback the West team also showed good ball-playing by outscoring the Cooties with one point.

Pos.—MBA (34) Hillsboro (18)
F—Andrews (6).....Johnson (6)
F—Whiteaker (6).....Dunn (4)
C—Robinson (15).....Embry (5)
G—Ferguson (12).....Hickman
G—Hewitt (1).....Seely (3)

The M. B. A. basketball quintet chided up their fourth consecutive victory of the year by defeating East High 46-29. The Maroons owned an 18-6 lead at the end of the first period. Pete Robinson, ace pivotman on the Maroon "five," was really "hot" as he hit the basket for 10 points during the first quarter.

The Academy boys led 28-16 at the midway point and 39-21 at the end of the third canto.

Billy Ferguson, diminutive M. B. A. guard, accounted for 10 points and was very outstanding on defense as he held East's Nick Bushule to 5 points.

Buddy Hewitt also was very impressive on defense. He stunted Joe Bell, star of the East Nashville team, to 5 points, while he was ringing up 6 for himself. Nelson Andrews hit for 8 and Jack Whiteaker made 4.

Robinson was high scorer for the game with 16 points, while Eddie Jennings of East was second with 11.

Pos.—MBA (46) East (29)
F—Andrews (8).....Bell (5)
F—Whiteaker (4).....Bushule (5)
C—Robinson (16).....Jennings (11)
G—Ferguson (10).....Kaysen
G—Hewitt (6).....Harris
Subs—M. B. A.: Whitson (1), Lavender (1), East: Bingham (2), Hosse (2), King (2), Greek (2).

On Thursday, January 16, the crowd at M. B. A. saw a mighty exciting basketball game. Ryan was red hot after whipping Springfield, but the Maroon quintet was even hotter. Lofty Pete Robinson burned up the nets, scoring a total of 15 points. Opposing Pete was the Panther center, Gunseman, 6 feet 7 inches, who threw in 9 points. In the first quarter Ryan had M. B. A. 9 to 1, then ace hander Hardy Lavender entered the conflict. Hardly immediately intercepted the sphere, charged down and sunk one. This put the old pepper into the Maroon squad. In the second quarter M. B. A. gained steadily, ending up at the half with the score 18 all. During the third quarter the Academy kept the lead, with Whiteaker scoring 2 points and Andrews and Hewitt 4 each. In the last quarter we had a photo finish, for some minutes it was anybody's game, but the brilliant offense power of M. B. A. made itself quite evident. The screaming, yelling crowd was never let down.

Final score, M. B. A. 26, Ryan 23.

MBA (26) Ryan (23)
Robinson (15).....Gunseman (9)
Ferguson.....Hanson
Whiteaker (1).....Berry (6)
Hewitt (4).....Dorch (8)
Lavender (2).....Denny (2)
Andrews (4).....Bowers

Whitson Nashville's Most Valuable Star

Al Whitson, captain and star of the M. B. A. grid team of '44-'45, was elected the most valuable football player in the city of Nashville. The honor was awarded him just before the Christmas holidays. Al, who earned for himself the title of "Mr. Snakehips" because of his deceptive running, is classed as one of the greatest broken-field runners ever to play on the Nashville gridirons.

Using his speed and deceptive moves to offset his weight, he scored against every opponent as he led M. B. A. to seven wins during the season. He scored 115 points in eight games. He's a very good punter, passer, and an excellent signal-caller. Against Central he scored 21 points and reached his peak against Duncan's Longhorns by marking 31.

Whitson not only won the "MV" trophy but he also won a berth on the All-Nashville, All-Midstate, All-State, and All-Southern teams. The BELL RINGER gives their congratulations to Al Whitson, one of Montgomery Bell's greatest football players, a grand sportsman, and a swell fellow.

Duplicating the score of the Ryan cagers, the Maroons chalked up another win for their sixth straight. The victorious M. B. A. team topped Central by a score of 26-23. The Maroons definitely had one of their "off nights," as the Tornado held them to only 26 points.

The fourth quarter was really exciting (and a little bit frightening for the M. B. A. rooters) as Central tied the score. With one minute and five seconds left to play and the score knotted up at 25-25, Billy Ferguson dropped in a free throw for the game winning point. The yardstick was added a crisp shot for good measure. Pete Robinson, the Maroons' star center, was held to five points and he fouled out in the final period.

Jack Whiteaker led the Maroon scoring with 7 points, while Ferguson was next with 6. Edmondson with 9 was tops for Central.

Pos.—MBA (26) Central (23)
F—Andrews (1).....Gay (4)
F—Whiteaker (7).....McClary (5)
C—Robinson (5).....Holt (4)
G—Ferguson (6).....Green
G—Hewitt (4).....Edmondson (9)
Subs—M. B. A.: Lackey 2, Lavender 1; Central: Northern 1.

On Tuesday, January 16, at 7 o'clock Lipscomb sent out on the basketball floor a primed team that was really out to win the basketball game between Lipscomb and M. B. A. Sporting the flashy Jennings Davis and being on their own court, it looked as if they would really role up a big victory.

By the way, the Lipscomb gym is about two thirds as big as our gym. The rafters are very low. So low, in fact, that it is almost impossible to make any sort of long shot. One of Billy Ferguson's first long shots was ruined by one of the low hanging rafters.

The first quarter opened with both teams "feeling out" their opponents. Both Hewitt and Robinson made beautiful shots at the start of the quarter. M. B. A. held Lipscomb to only one point in the first quarter. The quarter ended M. B. A. 7, Lipscomb 1.

The second quarter was not very exciting, seeing that both teams scored a total of only 7 points. M. B. A. made 4 of them, and the other 3 went to Lipscomb. Robinson made a pretty shot during that quarter. The half ended: M. B. A. 11, Lipscomb 4.

The third quarter started with a bang. Davis and Shirley owned the basket for 11 points. M. B. A. led by Andrews, second man in the game. Lipscomb came within one point twice of tying M. B. A., but couldn't push over that extra point. Score, 17-15 in favor of M. B. A.

In the fourth and last quarter,

Ernest Matthews
Editor
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Assistant Editor

M.B.A. Places Two On All-Nashville

WEEKLY ALL-NASHVILLE

Pos.—Player School
F—Harold Wilt.....West
F—Jack Gunseman.....Ryan
C—Charley Robinson.....MBA
G—Harold Cox.....Antioch
G—Billy Ferguson.....MBA

SECOND TEAM

Forwards—Nick Bushulen, East, and Wyman Creech, Antioch.
Center, Glenn Wells, do Pont.
Guards—Jimmy Payne, Howard, and Bobby Hanson, Ryan.

For engineering their Maroon teammates to three wins in as many games during the week, two M.B.A. stars won for themselves a berth on the weekly All-Nashville basketball team. Six-foot-five Pete Robinson and little Billy Ferguson have the honor this season but if these boys keep displaying their cage sharpness, it won't be the last time.

In running through Howard, Hume-Fogg, and Hillsboro, Robinson notched 39 points, or an average of 13 per game. He held the opposing centers to 11 points. Tankersley of Howard—4, Jones of Hume-Fogg—2, and Embury of Hillsboro—5.

Ferguson is one of the best ball handlers in the city. He's an excellent defensive man and his offensive is even better. He's a good passer and a good shot, either from a set or one-handed position. For the three games he totaled 27 points.

Rounding out the Weekly All-Nashville are Harold Wilt of West and Jack Gunseman of Ryan at the forward posts, and Harold Cox of Antioch at the other guard position.

Ferguson, who did not play much in the third quarter, clamped down on Davis and kept him from getting near the basket. The "Big Red" racked up another 10 points, led by Robinson, scored way over Lipscomb's hopes of victory. Those last 10 points "iced" the game and M. B. A. won 27 to 18.

The number "8" surely is unlucky for M.B.A. this year. They won seven consecutive grid tilts, only to lose number eight. The cage team hung up seven straight victories only to be beaten in number eight by the West High Blue Jays, 27-17. The Maroons jumped off to an early lead only to see it be overcome. The Maroons missed twelve three throws, 4 of which was more than sufficient to win.

The Blues led at the end of each period: 6-3, 11-7, and 14-13. When the second half started, the "Big Red" did likewise and finally passed the West boys but West, led by Carries and Wilt, started hitting the loops and the 12 points in the last quarter spelled doom for M.B.A.

Referee—Fred (Cab) Curtis.

WEST (27) SH-FGFT FTF
Adcock, f.....13-2 2 1 6
Baldridge.....0-0 0 0 0
B. Lawrence, f.....6-1 2 5 4
Carries, c.....7-2 0 5 4
Wilt, c.....4-2 2 4 6
E. Lawrence, g.....13-3 1 2 7
Webb, g.....2-0 0 2 0
Mason.....4-0 0 1 0

Totals.....49-10 7 20 27
MBA (17) SH-FGFT FTF
Andrews, f.....4-1 2 3 4
Whitson.....0-0 1 1 1
Whiteaker, f.....4-0 0 2 0
Lavender.....0-0 0 1 0
Robinson, c.....10-3 3 1 9
Hewitt, g.....2-0 0 2 1
Ferguson, g.....12-0 2 1 2

Totals.....32-4 9 11 17

Score by quarters:

West.....6 5 4 13-27
MBA.....3 4 7 3-17
Free throws missed: West, 8; MBA, 12. Adcock (2), B. Lawrence, Carries (2), E. Lawrence, Webb (2), Andrews, Whiteaker (2), Robinson (5), Hewitt, Ferguson (2).

Referee—Bowers Chest.



Personality of Month

This month's personality is a boy who has excelled in almost every activity carried on at M. B. A. Buddy Hewitt came to M. B. A. as a freshman, following in the footsteps of his brother Richard Hewitt, who graduated in 1943.

Buddy's main fame lies in athletics. He played eccle football and basketball for two years before graduating to his two varsity years. He was an All-Nashville center on last fall's grid team, having given an outstanding performance throughout the year. Buddy also excelled in golf, this being his fourth year in the school golf team.

Not all his talents lie in sports, however, for he has proven himself competent in other fields. In his sophomore year he won the coveted speaker's medal. For the past two years he has served as president of the Senior Literary Society. His keen and fair judgment has also been felt in the Student Council, where he has served as a representative for the past two years.

Some interesting facts about Buddy are:

His nickname is "Ida Red."

His favorite food is Italian spaghetti.

His worst food is chitlings.

His favorite expression is "aw heck!"

His favorite comic character is Bugs Bunny.

His favorite pastime is sports.

His ambition is to play professional football and to coach football.

Buddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Richard Hewitt, who are two of M. B. A.'s outstanding supporters. It is with their help that Buddy has carved a niche in the hall of fame at M. B. A.

MR. BROWNLEE CURREY

(Continued from Page 1.)

Currey is a vice-president of the Southern Coach Company.

Mr. Currey is a member of the Vanderbilt Athletic Association, a member of the Belle Meade Country Club, a member of the Board of Directors of that organization, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of M. B. A. for a number of years, and chairman for the past three years.

Mr. Currey was kind enough to make a statement concerning the work of the Board of Trustees, which will, I am sure, be beneficial to any one interested in M. B. A.

"Speaking in behalf of the Board of Trustees," Mr. Currey said, "we plan to make M. B. A. one of the best prep schools in the South. Scholarship and character are the two most important items in a boy's education, and both are strongly emphasized at Montgomery Bell."

"We plan to continue our improvements on the campus so that the facilities available will be among the best found in any country-day school in the South. We have ordered fluorescent light bulbs, to be installed throughout the school. Rubico surfacing has been ordered for the tennis courts, as well as pipes and wire for the backstops. However, we have run

Looie's Hangovers

Well, fellows, it seems that our genial editor has every month lots of stuff left over. Various students hand in anecdotes, poems, jokes, sly remarks, witty sayings. All such as that nobody knew what to do with. So here goes—

The other morning Mr. Sager got up in Chapel and spoke against cussing. In cooperation with the chief we of the Bell Ringer hereby organize the ASL (Anti-Swearin League), which is in affiliation with the Lily White League of newspaper fame. Remember, when the going get bad, just say "Piffle!"

Proverb of the week: He who sits on tack is better off. (Note: This one is lousy. Somebody hand in a better one for the next edition.)

One of the local characters round about the campus asked me this one: Why is it, Brownlee makes flunking grades but continues to pass?

Overheard remark: Goodbye is so cute. Orchids to Mrs. Bitzer for her melodious voice during the singing sessions in Chapel. Joe Talbert for being the tallest boy at the Academy since 1889. (They didn't measure 'em before that.) Leroy Ammonett for getting a grand total of 81 hours.

Ed. Note: I don't know where Looie got hold of all this junk. I don't remember ever seeing it.

Poem of the week:
"Willie was a bit insane.
Hid his face beneath a train.
You would be surprised to find
How it broadened Willie's mind!"
—Thank to Andy.

Seriously, boys, let's all think about that editorial on the Honor System. If we want a first-rate prep school, one of the best, this Honor System idea is it. Remember, an M. B. A. man is an honorable man.

Some of the lads are having mumps. If you haven't had them, be cautious.

Too bad about the mud hole by the gym. I understand it keeps some of the crowd away from the basketball games.

GENE HARRIS, known by many aliases, is studying to be a linguist. What, for goodness sake, is that?

(Sure, I know what one is, but I gotta fill this space somehow.)

into some difficulties in getting the backstop material."

"We hope that the system of brick walks already begun on the campus will soon be completed."

When asked his opinion on the Honor System which has been proposed for the school, and the aggregate opinion of the Board of Trustees, he replied, "We are all very much in favor of the Honor System; we hope it will become part and parcel of the school, and that the student body will be one hundred per cent behind it."

"I feel that teaching character is just as important as teaching studies, and that the Honor System will undoubtedly be instrumental in that direction."

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Graves: "Do you know what time I have to get up to be here by 9 o'clock?"

Mr. Sager: "No, I don't. Why don't you get here by 9 one morning and find out for yourself."

McManus: "I'd like for you to come over and have dinner with me."

Mr. Herback: "Thank you, but your classwork is already satisfactory."

Mr. Hackman: "When water becomes ice, what is the greatest change that takes place?"
Oliver: "The price."

Barber: "Your hair needs cutting badly, sir."

Joe Talbert: "You cut it that way last time. Cut it right this time."

Zanone: "This math is a cinch for me. I finished these problems in ten minutes and thought nothing of it."

Mr. Rule: "After looking them over, I don't think much of it either."

Flight Instructor: "Take it easy now and the next time you are going to take the loop, tell me first."

Student Baker: "I'll try, but I don't always know myself."

Nelson Andrews: "Are you the barber who cut my hair the last time?"

Barber: "I don't think so—I've only been here six months."

Keith (just arriving at a basketball game): "What's the score?"

Bainbridge: "Nothing to nothing."

Keith: "Good game?"

Bainbridge: "Don't know. It hasn't started yet."

Mr. Hackman: "How did you happen to drink this? Can't you see the 'Poison' label on the bottle?"

Swain: "Yes, I saw it, but I didn't believe it. Right underneath is a label that says 'Lye.'"

If you've read this far, it must be getting pretty dull for you. Personally, I recommend the ads.

We asked a prominent senior what kind of time he was going to have on the Junior-Senior picnic. "A Gin-U-Wine Time" was the reply. I wonder what he meant.

Some of the older lads request that you younger boys be a little bit quieter on Monday mornings. It seems hangovers are delicate affairs.

—LOOIE.

P. S.—You got to acc-cent-u-ate the positive.

P. S. Jr.—You got to e-lim-mi-nate the negative.

P. S. III—How can there be any difference between a duck?

P. S.—Once removed: I don't smoke, I don't cuss, I don't drink. Piffle! I left my pipe in the liquor store.

Tom Harrison

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With Our Alumni

by Bob Lowe, Jr.

Many of our alumni in the Service were fortunate enough to be able to spend the holidays with home folks, and it was grand to have the chance of wishing a happy new year to those lucky boys who were still with us. Among them was Sgt. Fred Rowe, who had a fifteen-day furlough. M. B. A. is proud of the success Fred is making in his special field. He is now a technical instructor in surgery for advanced students at the Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver, Colo.

Alfred Sharp, U. S. Navy, Great Lakes, was granted an unexpected furlough and we were all happy to welcome Alfred home just in time to help celebrate the New Year.

Irwin McCann and Dan Summit were down from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis for the holidays. They, too, had to leave on New Year's day in order to reach the Academy on time.

Mackey Whiteman is at home on a 12-day furlough. He had been stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he has just completed his four weeks of basic training. Mackey is now wearing his wings and paratrooper's boots and can boast he has five jumps behind him.

We all rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Granberry over having direct word from Langley. Sometime back Langley was reported missing in action. Recently they have received their first letter from him since he became a German prisoner.

Howard Frost is being received with open arms by home folks. For more than two years he has been serving with the U. S. Army in the Caribbean area. Howard is home on a thirty-day furlough.

Billy Wemyss with the U. S. Infantry has been home on what he thinks may be his last furlough before leaving for foreign duty.

Baron Seiford and Greer Frieron, both of last year's graduating class, have been home for the past few days. They are training as combat air crewmen and have just

completed boot camp at Millington Naval Station, Memphis, Tenn.

Spencer Strowd, A. S. T. R. P., was fortunate to put Nashville on his schedule when he was recently transferred to Auburn, Ala.

Joe Hutton brought down a group of Navy boys from Sewanee last week end. From all reports they must have had a gala time.

A welcome cable from Lt. James R. King was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. King, on January 13, stating he was "well and safe." Lt. King had been reported missing in action over Yugoslavia since December 11. His B-24 Liberator bomber was hit while on a bombing run over Austria. He was able to keep his plane in formation for a short while, then other pilots saw seven parachutes open. No details of Lt. King's whereabouts were given.

Bob Warner, U. S. Infantry, Ft. McClellan, Ala., was unable to get home for Christmas but, even so, Bob was a lucky boy, for his mother went down Christmas Eve and helped him celebrate the Yuletide there. Bob is making an excellent army record. He received a medal recently for high scoring in rapid firing. Bob has been given his choice of O. C. S. and T. P. We wonder what his choice will be. The best of luck, Bob, regardless of your choice.

Nelson Bryan up in Michigan City, Ind., also, was among the boys who had to keep right on training regardless of it being holiday time. We missed him but he made the best of it, for he is so interested in his radio training that he has little time to get homesick.

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